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Lionel BRETON et al)) Group Art Unit: 1615) Examiner: Todd Ware)
Application No.: 09/888,015) Examiner: Todd Ware
Filed: June 25, 2001) Confirmation No.: 9059
For: USE OF CINNAMIC ACID OR OF AT LEAST ONE OF ITS DERIVATIVES IN A COSMETIC COMPOSITION)))

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed January 15, 2003, please first amend the application identified in caption as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 28, 29, 33, 34, 38, 39, 53 and 54, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend Claims 27, 30-32, 35-37, 40, 41, 62 and 63 to read as follows:

27. (three times amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening of the skin which comprises (a) cinnamic acid, or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of

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